



West Fertilizer Plant Explosion

Regional Update

April 22, 2013

- 24-hour operations included mobile air monitoring was discontinued. 12 hour However, air monitoring for volatile organic compounds, ammonia, carbon monoxide, and lower explosive limit of methane gas was done throughout the day. No air monitoring readings above background were detected.
- EPA OSCS attended site briefings and law enforcement/operational briefings, conducted a meeting with CSB, TCEQ, and OSHA, and coordinated with ATF, CSB, TCEQ, OSHA, DOT, the Office of the Texas State Chemist, and EPA CID on current and future site operations.
- EPA attended a meeting for all Federal Agencies as requested by FEMA.
- 2-EPA OSCs, 1 EPA PIO, and 4 START contractors conducted operations throughout the day.
- CSB sampled dry wall, roofing material, insulation material etc. on West Facility property for asbestos. CSB reported that results for all 9 samples collected were negative for asbestos.